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**Caledonian Mercury,**

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A short Account of the most considerable News, Foreign and Domestick.

Edinburgh, Thursday August 23, 1722.

*From the Evening Post, August 18. 1722.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.*

*Versailles, August 21.*

**L**AST Sunday the King, accompanied by the Duke of Bourbon, the Count de Clermont, the Duke de Charost (his new Governor) and the Duke de Villeroy, Captain of his Guard, went to St. Cloud, to compliment Madamonselle de Beaujolois, upon her Marriage with Don Carlos, Prince of Spain. There is a Report, but how well Grounded we cannot tell, that the Dutchess de Ventadour has demanded Leave to retire from Court, and that Mr Dodart, his Majesty's first Physician, will be removed. Be that as it will, 'tis certain the Publick is expecting extraordinary Alterations; for already the Musketaires are said to have Orders to hold themselves in a Readiness to march at a Minute's Warning, and some will have it, that several Brigades of them are to seize certain Persons of Distinction.

*Hamburg, August 21.* Here is Advice from Olaw in Silesia, that the Princess Hedwig Elizabeth, Daughter of the late Elector Palatine, and Wife of Prince James Sobieski, Son of the late King of Poland, died there on the 10th Instant, at nine in the Forenoon, after a very long Fit of Sickness.

*Paris, August 17.* Advice has been received, that the King of Spain has repealed the Prohibition formerly issued against our Ships belonging to the Ports of the Ocean, entering any of the Ports of the Catholick King, and has granted Liberty to import Linen Cloth, of the Manufacture of Normandy and Britanny, to the great Satisfaction of the Traders of both Nations.

*London, August 18.* They write from Honslow, that the Duke of Bolton's Regiment has received Orders, for 10 Men of each Troop to march to Kensington and London as this Day.

This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was 89, 1 Quarter. Bank 115, 1 Half. India 136. African 12, 1 Half. Royal Exchange Assurance 5. London Assurance 5, 1 Half. York-buildings 15, 1 Quarter.

*From*

*From the London Journal, August 16.*

We hear from Rye, that a Seizure has been lately made there of 52 half Anchors of Brandy out of a Folstone Boat, which had been trading at Bullogne: It seems that there was a Rye Boat which accompanied her from France, which the Custom-House Officers getting on Board of, pursued the Folstone Man; who discovering the Vessel to be his Companion, did not endeavour to get off, so that his Cargo was seized and safely brought to the Custom-House at Rye.

The South Sea Company will advance to the Government 300000l. on the Malt Act. And the said Company have subscribed the like Sum at the Bank for the circulating of Exchequer Bills.

By Letters from Rhode-Island, we have an Account that a Pyrate Sloop of 90 Men, 10 Guns, and 3 Patereros - one (Lowther Commander) has been lately cruising on that Coast, and taken several Fishing Sloops, as also a Brigantine of Boston from St. Christopher's; which they had no sooner done, but some Difference among the Pyrates arose, 45 of the best Men left the Sloop and went on Board the Brigantine; and having got 2 Guns, 4 Patereros, some Powder, &c. out of the Sloop, they chose one Lowe to be their Captain, who immediately took two Vessels belonging to the Rhode-Island; and notwithstanding all his Care to disable them, so as to prevent their carrying any Intelligence before he had cleared himself of the Coast, yet Means was found to give the Governour Advice early enough who immediately mann'd and arm'd two Sloops that put to Sea even when the Pyrate Brigantine was in Sight, so that it is not doubted, but a good Account will be given of her.

One Theophilus Hastings, in Company with two other Persons, lately robb'd two Women near Lamb's Conduit Field; and after they had taken away what Money they had, the Villains tossed up who should lie with them first; but they were prevented in their lewd Deligo by the Shrieks of one of the Women, which were heard in a House not far from the Place; and Assistance coming, Hastings and one of his Comrades, were taken, but the other got off. Hastings has been committed to Newgate by Justice Mercer, and we are told, the other is admitted to Bail.

One Joseph Blake and Edward Pollard, two Rogues that have robb'd for some Time in Hampstead Road, have been lately committed to Newgate for the same. But that Road is far from being clear'd of those Vermin, for on Monday last a poor Woman was plundered there of 14 Shillings by one of them.

The first Instant, one Malcott, a Master Weaver was found fallen from his Horse near Kingstead, his Skull being fractured, and having two Bruises in his Head. He was Speechless when he was taken up, and dy'd soon after. As Money and other Things of Value were found upon him, it doth not appear he had met with the Mischiefs from Highwaymen; but it is suspected that it happened in a Quarrel, for just before he was found, three Men on Horseback called at a Publick House, and bogg'd the Woman to dip a Piece of brown Paper in Watter for them, which she did, and bringing it, asked if they were hurt? One of them answered, that she would hear of a Man in the Road that was so: Upon which the two others curs'd him for being so open, and rode off.

On Monday last, one Thomas Dancombe, of about 60 Years of Age, was brought up to Town in order to his Imprisonment in Newgate for a Year, for stealing Deer off of Enfield-Chace.

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We are informed, that last Week three Gentlemen went into a certain House in the Neighbourhood of Leicester-Fields, where in a most barbarous Manner they forced the Woman of the House, all of them gratifying their brutish Desires on her, even tho' her Husband and Servants were in the House; who by drawn Swords and Threats were so terrify'd, as they durst not move to her Assistance; however, they found Means to secure the Watch, who as they were coming out seized them, and the next Morning carried them before a Justice of the Peace, who committed them to the Gatehouse.

*From the Evening Post, August 16.*

*Cambray, August 15.* We have an Account from Paris, that on the 11th Instant the Cardinal du Bois gave to the Foreign Ministers the following Reasons for the Disgrace of the Marechal de Villeroy, viz. The Regent having been long since informed, that the Marechal de Villeroy insinuated things to the Disadvantage of his Royal Highness's Administration, he took no Notice thereof, as well because of the Marechal's great Age, as because his Office of Governor to the King, would cease in a few Months, and his Royal Highness had always reposed a great Confidence in him. But that Prince considering the near Approach of his Majesty's Majority, thought it high Time to instruct him in the Maxims of Government, for the Welfare of his Kingdom, and to entrust him with the Secret of Affairs. For this End, his Royal Highness resolved to discourse the King every Morning in private upon these Points; and beginning to put his Design in Execution upon Monday the 10th Instant, he went between ten and eleven in the Forenoon to his Majesty's Apartment, where he met the Duke of Bourbon, Super-Intendant of the King's Education, and some other Lords employed about his Majesty's Person. The Regent desired the King to step into his Cabinet, he having something to communicate to him in private. His Majesty went without Hesitation; and the Duke of Bourbon tarried in the Apartment, as did all the other Lords, except the Marechal de Villeroy, who followed the King and his Royal Highness, pretending that in Quality of Governor to the King, he ought not to suffer any Person to speak to his Majesty in private, no not the Regent himself; which was such an Affront upon his Royal Highness, that he took Leave of the King, waiting another Opportunity to discourse his Majesty; and this Conduct, join'd with the former Insinuations of the Marechal, being no longer sufferable, his Royal Highness thought himself obliged, in order to avoid putting his Authority as Regent of the Kingdom, upon the Level with that of the King's Governor, to remove the Marechal from his Majesty's Person, which was executed accordingly, &c.

*Paris, August 19.* On the 13th Instant, the Duke of Charost was declared Governor of the King, in the Room of the Marechal de Villeroy. He was formerly named for it by the late Duke of Burgundy this King's Father. A Marriage is agreed between the Infanta Don Carlos his Catholick Majesty's third Son, and Mademoiselle de Beaujolois, the Regent's Daughter.

*Hague, August 20.* The States General have writ a congratulatory Letter to the King of Prussia on Account of the happy Delivery of his Royal Consort, and the Birth of the young Prince William Augustus.

*From*

From the Flying Post, August 18.

*Warsaw, August 8.* A certain Prince is arrived here Incognito, with a borrowed Name. 'Tis said that Stanislaus Leczinky has writ to all his Adherents in this Kingdom, to take Care of his Interest at the ensuing General Diet. The last Letters from Muscovy say, That the Czar has sent 2 Officers from Astracan, with important Dispatches for this Court.

*London, August 18.* We hear his Majesty has renewed his Resolutions of going to view the Camps near Salisbury, &c. and from thence to Portsmouth, and that he will set out the Middle of next Week. Mr. Smith of Scotland had for his Sureties Mr. John Drummond, and Mr. Wemys. Several Vagrants are committed to Bridwell, for Singing rascally Ballads reflecting on the Memory of the most noble Duke of Marlborough.

SIR, If you will hand the following Queries to the Reverend Gentleman concerned, you'll much oblige some of your very good Friends, who are dutiful and affectionate Subjects, and heartily concerned for the Protestant Succession.

Q. Why Dr. H--son of Ha--th, was pleased to omit the Prayers appointed for his Majesty's Accession, and to read only the common Service for the 1st of August?

If he imputes it to his Inadvertency,

Q. Whether he did not see the Flags or hear the Bells?

If he disputes the Reading Occasional Prayers,

Q. Whether he was of the same Mind thro' all the last Reign?

Wye's Later verbatim, London, August 18.

Yesterday arrived a Holland Mail with the following Advices: From Muscovy its wrote, That the Regency had received an Express from Astracan, giving an Account, That part of the Russian Emperor's Forces had taken Possession in Georgia, where they Work without ceasing in building a Fortfress, which is to be called *Petershaven*, and that the rest of the Troops which had been assembled near Astracan, were sailed with the Fleet, towards Derbent, in order to subdue that Place. These Letters adde, That soon after the Departure of the Russian Monarch for Astracan, a Difference broke out between Count Golenstein and Baron Sapizoff, the 2 Chancellors of the Russian Empire; and the Czar hearing thereof, was greatly incensed, and commanded them to be reconciled in his Absence, on very severe Penalties; but instead of obeying, their Contests are increased, so that in all Likelihood one or both of them will be punished with Death.

Some Accounts intimate, that several Protestant Princes are concerting Alliances in Favour of the Protestants in the Empire, and that thereupon the Electors Palatine and Bavaria, the Bishop of Munster and other Catholick Powers are augmenting their Troops.

The King of Spain has revoked the Prohibition that was laid upon all French Ships entering the Port of Cadiz and others, upon account of the Contagion, and has granted Liberty to import into that Kingdom, Linens from Britany and Normandy, to the great Joy of the Traders of both Nations. The Bishop of Lincoln has made the Reverend Dr. Griffith, a Hampshire Clergyman, one of the Prebendaries of that Cathedral in the Room of Dr. Gyron deceased.

There is an Account from Lancaster, That on Monday last the Cause between the King and the Bishop of Chester, upon a *Quare impedit* brought by his Majesty against the said Bishop, for his having refused to institute and install the Reverend Mr. Samuel Peplo of Preston, in the Wardenship of Manchester-college, to which the King had presented the said Mr. Peplo, came on to be tried at the Assizes there, which Trial lasted till 10 at Night; and the Jury, after two Hours Consideration, brought in a Verdict for his Majesty, whereby the Right of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, to confer Degrees in Divinity, &c. by his Faculty, is established: But 'tis thought there will be a further Hearing of this Affair.

'Tis added that William Bukly, Esq; who, as is insert in the Prints, killed Major Crooks, was, after a Pursuit of 25 Miles, taken in Bed at Mr. Bayn's in Newark-head, and on the 10th, about Noon, was brought to Lancaster. The

two Gentlemen being of different Parties, occasions much Discourse: Meanwhile, the Coroner's Inquest did not sit on the Body of the Major, till the 14th, and did not report their Verdict till the 16th; so that Mr. Buckley's Trial will not come on till next Assizes.

The Deceast and the last named Gentleman happening to meet on the Road in a narrow Place, the Quarrel arose about giving the Way, tho' some speak of a Dispute touching Election of Members.

'Tis now assured that the King's Departure for Salisbury, in order to view the Forces encamped near that City, is fixed for Monday 7-night; and 'tis said his Majesty will be that Night at Basing-house, a Seat belonging to the Duke of Bolton; and next Night, at Salisbury.

His Majesty will review the 4 Troops of Guards, and the 2 Troops of Horse-Grenadiers in Hyde Park, on Monday next, if the Weather permits, the necessary Orders being already given for that Purpose.

We hear that the Sureties for Captain Halstead, mentioned in our Last to be admitted to Bail, are the Rt. Honourable the Earls of Scarfdale and Litchfield, and Charles Cesar, Esq;

Captain Vary, Captain of a Troop in the Duke of Bolton's Regiment of Horse, died this Morning; his Post is worth 6000 L.

Yesterday the Earl of Cadogan, who, with the Secretaries of State, is to attend the King to Salisbury, went with most of the Officers of the Ordnance to Woolwich, to make proof of the new Cannon and Mortars lately cast.

Ten Men out each Troop belonging to the Duke of Bolton's Regiment at Onslow, have received Orders to repair hither forthwith.

The Earl of Essex is appointed Lord Lieutenant of the County of Hereford, in the Room of the Earl of Coupar.

On the 22d N. S. The Cardinal Dubois, for his great Abilities, particularly in his Negotiations for settling and securing the Peace of Europe, was made Prim. Minister of France.

*Whitehall August 6, 1722* Whereas in order to prevent any Frauds or Abuses that may happen by the Concealment of the Death of any Reduced Officers or otherwise, his Majesty has thought fit to direct, that all Persons who claim and enjoy any Allowance upon the Establishment of Great Britain as reduced Officers, of the Land Forces or Marines, should appear before a Board consisting of General Officers and others appointed for that Purpose, or before the General Officers herein after named: These are to give Notice, that the reduced Officers now in half Pay upon the Establishment of Great Britain, are required to appear in Person before the several Persons and at the Places and Times herein after respectively mentioned, viz. All the reduced Officers now in half Pay residing in London and Westminster, or in the several Counties of Berks, Buckingham, Bedford, Cambridge, Essex, Southampton, Hertford, Huntingdon, Kent, Leicester, Middlesex, Northampton, Norfolk, Oxford, Surry, Sussex, Suffolk, Wilts, and Warwick, or any of them, before a Board consisting of General Officers and others appointed for that Purpose, who will meet in the Great Room at the Horse-Guards, on Tuesday the 14th of August Instant, and sit there every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from and after the 13 of August to the 1st of September next, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon on each of the said Days. All the reduced Officers now in half Pay residing in any Part of Wales, or in the several Counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, Hereford, Monmouth, Salop, Somerset, and Worcester, or any of them, before the Honourable Brigadier General Stanwix, at Bristol, between the 13th Day of August Instant, and the 3d Day of September following. All the reduced Officers now in half Pay residing in the several Counties of Chester, Cumberland, Derby, Durham, Lancaster, Lincoln, Nottingham, Northumberland, Rutland, Stafford, York and Westmorland, or any of them, before the Right Honourable Geo. L. Carpenter, at York, between the same 13th of August and 3d of September. All the reduced officers now in half Pay residing in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, before the Honourable Major General Sabine, at Edinburgh, between the

57th Day of August Instant, and the 20th Day of September following. All the reduced Officers now in half Pay residing in the Kingdom of Ireland, before the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Shannon, in Dublin, between the 31st of August Instant and the 28 of September following. And the said reduced Officers are severally to be prepared to shew, that they are the respective Persons who have been found to be entitled to half Pay on the British Establishment. And such of the said reduced Officers as shall not appear and shew themselves entitled to half Pay as aforesaid, before some or one of the Persons, at some or one of the Places, or one of the Days before mention'd, will be taken to be dead, or provided for by some Place or Profit, or Civil Employment under his Majesty, and will be omitted in the next Establishment of half Pay.

Geo. Treby.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

¶ There is a Piece of Silver Plate Twentyfive Pound Sterling Value, to be run for at Peebles on the usual Ground, upon the last Wednesday of August Inst. being the 29th of the Month; by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, each of them carrying eight Stone Trois Weight, allowing the Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be part of the Weight; the best in three Heats, each Heat thrice round.

The Horses which are to run for this Plate being three at least, must be at Peebles ten Days before the Race, and to be entered there by the Town Clerk, 48 Hours before the Course, and the Inputs to be six Guineas.

No Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by Judges appointed by the Gentlemen Subscribers for the said Plate.

The Distance Post is to be ten Score Yards from the Starting Post.

The Rider after each Heat is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing a Pound for Waste.

Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for rubbing.

If any single Horse, Mare or Gelding wins the first two Heats, if they are challenged by any of the Rest who saved their Distance, they are obliged to run again, and if they save their own Distance they win the Race, if distanced, they lose it.

If three single Horses win each of them a Heat, the Horse that wins the last Heat, wins the Plate.

If any Horse, Mare or Gelding run on the wrong Side of any of the Posts they are to run back the same Way and run Right, or else they are to be adjudged as distanced.

There is also another Piece of Plate about Eight Pound Sterling Value, to be run for on Thursday the 30th of August Inst. by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, not exceeding 14 Hands high; nor under three in number, belonging to different Owners, each Horse of 14 Hands to carry seven Stone of Trois Weight, Horses below it to be allowed Weights for Inches: To pay three Pound Sterling amongst them of Inputs. The Horses are to be at Peebles three Days before the Race, and obtain themselves entered by the Town Clerk 24 Hours before the Course, no Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes to be determined by the Magistrate.

THE Meadow called Straiton's Meadow, lying near the City of Edinburgh, to the South of it; containing about Fifty five Acres of improvable Ground, commodiously Situate, and having a large House and Brewhary built thereupon: Is to be set in Tack for a long Term of Years, to commence from Martinmas next. Such as have a Mind to take a Lease of the said Ground, may see the Conditions in the Hands of John Dinn at the Town Council-chamber, and will find the Magistrate ready to treat with them. N. B. Bruntfield-links are to be set at the same Time.

¶ The legal Roup of the Lands of Fingask and Foodie, before the Lords of Session, and lying in the Shire of Fife, near to Compar, is adjourned to the 22d of November next at two in the Afternoon. Any that designs to see the Rental may call at the Author of this Paper, where it will be found.